

## Cell Groups at Penshurst Anglican Church

Our church calls itself a 'cell church', built upon the Biblical idea that the primary way that God's people can truly live out the Gospel is through small, intentional communities (called 'cells'). It is here where Jesus is given a far more intimate opportunity to do His work of transformation.

English-Speaking Cell Groups/	Day/time/frequency
Bart & Kim VandenHengel	Tuesday/ 7:30pm/weekly
Gaye Bishop	Tuesday/ 7:30pm/ fortnightly
Meryllyn Mayhew	Tuesday / 7:30pm/ weekly
Megan & Jeff Powys	Thursday/ 7:30pm/ weekly
ReCharge! (University+ group)	Wednesday/ 8:00pm/ weekly
PAC Youth Group	Friday/ 7:30-9:30 pm/ weekly
'The Quiet Place' prayer meeting	Sunday/7pm/weekly

If you are interested in joining one of these cells, you can either talk directly to one of the group leaders or to Bart for more guidance on which cell will fit you best. You may even want to start your own!

### Sunday School:

Our Sunday School program runs during the 10:30am services, and only during school term. There are four classes available, based roughly on a child's age:

- Ages 3-5 Coordinators: Selina Kwok (in upper hall classroom 1)
- Ages 6-7 Coordinator: Hua (Nancy) Feng (in basement of hall)
- Ages 8-10 Coordinator: Bart VandenHengel (in library)
- Years 11-12+ Coordinator: George Chan (in upper hall classroom 2)



## Penshurst Anglican Church

2 Carrington St, Penshurst, NSW 2222

**Pastors:** Bart VandenHengel (English speaking congregations)  
Aisen Ju (Mandarin speaking congregations)

**Sunday Services:** (8am) Prayer Book Service w/ Holy Communion  
(10:30am) Bi-lingual Celebration service in English and Mandarin  
(6pm) Bi-lingual Celebration service in English and Mandarin

### Contact details:

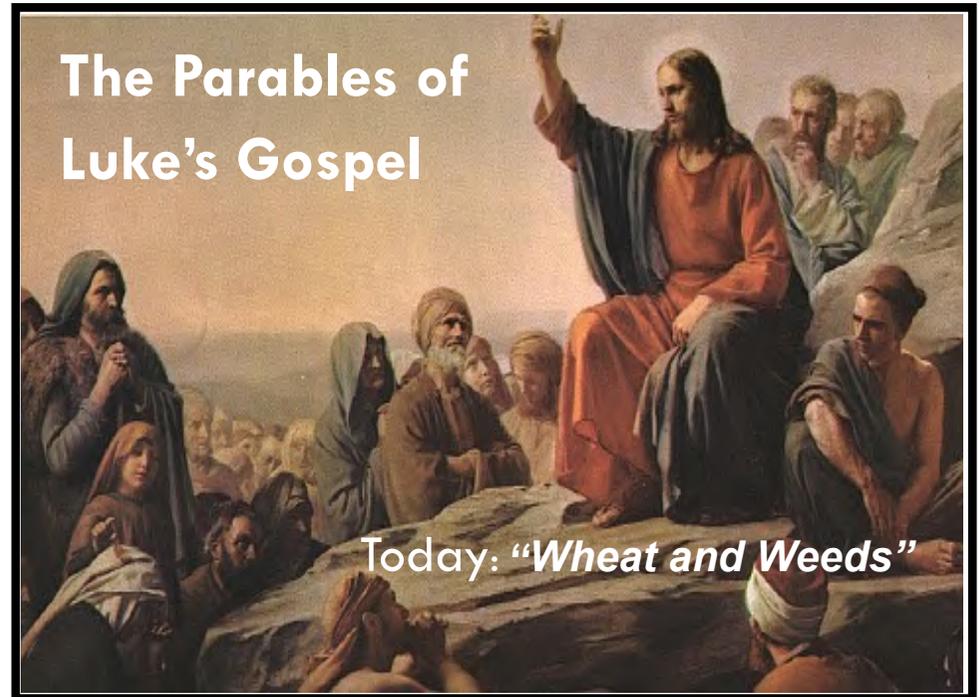
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## Penshurst Anglican Church

We welcome you to our celebrations this morning! If you are a visitor here today, we pray that the Triune God of grace will richly meet you where you are, in the fellowship of His people here at PAC. We also invite you to make yourself known to us through the visitor forms found in the pew holders.

## The Parables of Luke's Gospel



Today: "Wheat and Weeds"



Sunday, 2 October, 2016

**The Parables of Jesus** (preacher: Ted Potter)

Oct 2	<b>Wheat and Weeds</b>	Deuteronomy 32:36-41 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-41
Oct 9	<b>Workers in the Vineyard</b>	Deuteronomy 15:7-11 Matt 20:1-16

Bart has been invited to attend a **leadership conference** in the USA through the month of September, sponsored by the *Anglican Church in North America* (ACNA). Following the conference, Bart will fly to Las Vegas, Nevada and join Kim to celebrate the wedding of his nephew on October 8th. Thanks to **Ted Potter** for preaching while he's away.

Our annual **Mission Month fund raising** will take place on **Saturday, Nov. 5th.**

The Parish Council has decided that instead of our annual 'Market Day', we will have two separate fund-raising events:

- **First**, we will **"Walk to Water"** (from our church to the Como marina, across the Georges' River Railway Bridge).  
This walk will raise money for **the Persecuted Church in Africa.**
- **Then**, on Saturday evening, we will hold a special **"Evening of Worship, Prayer and Fund-raising for the Persecuted Church in Iraq."**

**Please join us in both these events to make our day a success!**

A **new sermon series** will begin on October 16th to coincide with **Missions Month**. The series will look at the failures of ancient Israel to be a missionary people, asking whether the modern church also risks failing in the same or similar ways.

**Hurstville Museum & Gallery** (14 McMahon St.) is now showing a display about our church! Go and have a look, take your friends.. and pray that God will use it to let people in the area know who we are.

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
Oct-02	Andrew C., Andrew U	Team 2- Stephen, Bing, Aisen, <b>Will</b> , Lydia, Tina, Millie	Holy Com-munion	Carolyn	Cliff, Marilyn
Oct-09	Geoff, Selina,	Team 3- <b>Rueves &amp; Kat</b> , Gordon, Josh, Sarah, Zoey, Karen, Amy		Naomi	Marilyn, Geoff
Oct-16	Peter, Andrew U.	Team 4- Brian, Gordon, Andrew, Michael, Hua, Catherine, <b>Nancy Lee</b> , Amelia	Holy Com-munion	Kathie	Geoff, Doris

Sept. 3 to Oct. 14	<b>Bart in USA.</b> Ted Potter will be locum
Sun., October 2	<b>Daylight Savings begins!</b> Please move your clocks ahead one hour.
Oct 16 to Nov 13	<b>Missions Month</b>
Sat., November 5	<b>"Walk to Water" and Fund-raising Concert</b> for Open Doors
Sun., November 6	<b>International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP)</b>
Nov. 18-20	<b>Church camp at Telford Lodge</b> in the Royal National Park

**Pray for the Anglican Church in Ghana**



(Bart has spent the past 4 weeks with **Bishop Francis Quasshie** from **Ghana**. Although now 68 years old, Francis is an encouraging man of faith and prayer. He asks us to pray for his country.)

As the first black African country to gain independence from European rule, the Republic of Ghana today is a country relatively free of internal conflicts with a population that includes many diverse ethnic and religious groups. The former British colony known as Gold Coast has achieved this in part due to a reasonable constitution and a strong educational system that has bridged ethnic and religious divides. Bordered by Cote d'Ivoire and Togo in West Africa and with a coastline along the Gulf of Guinea, Ghana has substantial natural resources. Lake Volta in eastern Ghana is the largest artificial lake in the world, and provides electrical power from the Akosombo Dam on the Volta River.

Ghana's independence in 1957 was followed by a time of corruption and a series of military coups. A new constitution in 1992, however, established a democratic government and Ghana has transitioned successfully to a democratic system. Gold, prominent in Ghana's political and economic past, continues its economic influence today. Ghanaian cocoa production, second only to Cote d'Ivoire, timber products, and recently discovered oil reserves are also generating income. This well-run country is often used as an economic and political model for reform in Africa.

Christian missionary work began in Ghana in 1828. Today about 63% of Ghanaians call themselves Christians, yet many are nominal in their faith. A dual spirituality influenced by traditional African religions challenges much of the church. The strong Muslim presence in the north of Ghana has launched an aggressive outreach to the rest of the country and is making serious inroads. Current economic struggles have put people in need and many are open to receiving the gospel of Jesus Christ. Ghanaians under the age of 15, representing over 40% of the nation's population, are spiritually open and when reached could have a profound impact on the Ghanaian church.

**PRAYER POINTS**

- Pray for the Ghanaian church to develop a missions vision for the unreached villages of the north and beyond.
- Pray for those who claim to be Christian but who do not have an authentic faith to be transformed by the power of the true gospel.
- Pray for the rapid spread of Islam to be thwarted.